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**Three League Members From Southern Nevada Appointed To
 Key Steering Committees By The National League Of Cities**
*Las Vegas Councilwomen Lynette Boggs McDonald and Janet Moncrief, and
 Henderson Councilman Andy Hafen Selected*

The National League of Cities recently appointed three Southern Nevada officials, all members of the Nevada League of Cities, to important steering committees that will help provide a voice to all member cities. The three members were selected from a competitive process of more than 500 applications.

Las Vegas Councilwoman Lynette Boggs McDonald was appointed to the Community and Economic Development Steering Committee, Las Vegas Councilwoman Janet Moncrief to the Public Safety and Crime Prevention Steering Committee, and Henderson Councilman Andy Hafen to the Finance Administration and Intergovernmental Relations Steering Committee.

The three officials from Southern Nevada were appointed by National League of Cities President Charles Lyons, an Arlington, Mass. Selectman, during his annual appointment process.

David Fraser, executive director of the Nevada League of Cities, said having the representation of three Southern Nevada officials will enhance the League's lobbying efforts and provide a voice for Nevada.

"These steering committees are very competitive and the fact that three of our members were selected out of hundreds of applications shows that Nevada can have an impact on the federal agenda," Fraser said. "These three officials are very knowledgeable about the subjects they will be discussing on behalf of the Nevada League of Cities."

Ron Schmitt, a councilman from Sparks, was also appointed by Lyons as vice chairman of the Program Planning Committee.

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The steering committees meet throughout the year and each have approximately 35 members.

"The work of the National League of Cities' Steering Committees involves reviewing information about key issues related to areas of importance to cities and towns across the nation," Lyons said. "The committees also develop agendas to lobby Congress and the administration on real issues that affect cities daily. These committees affect real change for not only their own communities but cities and towns of all sizes."

Councilwoman Boggs McDonald, immediate past president of the Nevada League Cities, has served on the National League's Community and Economic Development policy committee for two years.

"I am excited to now serve in the national leadership of this important committee. Western states such as Nevada are experiencing tremendous growth and are all facing similar challenges as it relates to job creation, access to public lands, homelessness issues, small business development and affordable housing," Boggs McDonald said. "I will work hard with the National League of Cities to ensure Nevada and other western states have a voice at the policy development table."

Councilwoman Moncrief added, "As a new city councilwoman, I am honored to have been selected by the National League of Cities to represent the interests of public safety and crime prevention. The city of Las Vegas works very closely with the Metropolitan Police Department in the areas of crime prevention and I will bring that knowledge to the table."

Councilman Hafen, who was recently elected as secretary treasurer of the Nevada League of Cities, said, "This is an exciting new experience for me and I am honored that I was appointed in such an important role. I hope to help make Nevada a better place for all citizens."

The National League of Cities is the oldest and largest national organization representing municipal governments throughout the United States. With a membership of 1,800 cities and towns, as well as 49 state associations, NLC serves as a resource and advocate for 18,000 U.S. cities that serve 225-million people across the United States.

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